

REMARKS

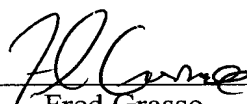
The December 12, 2001, Office action set forth a multiple species restriction requirement directed towards then pending claims 1-258. Each of these claims has been canceled from the application without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. New claims 259-304 have been entered into the application and are now pending. Given that none of the claims discussed in the Office action remain in the case the Applicants submit that the need to elect a species from claims 1-258 is no longer needed.

The Applicants request examination of claims 259-304 and invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4311 if it will assist in the examination of this application in any way. The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fees associated with this Amendment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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